the changing world economic situation and the need to plan in advance for realising the full potential of such cooperation.

(c) and (d) SAARC Summits are held by rotation in different SAARC member-countries. India's turn came in 1986. The Government of India would wait for its next turn for holding the Summit again in India.

Rally by Kashmiri Migrants

3350. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Kashmiri migrants held a rally at New Delhi on the 21st August, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these rallyists have made some demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take any action on these demands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) Government have seen the newsi item that the Kashmiri migrants held a rally on 21-8-90 at Boat Club in New Delhi. The migrants have been projecting various demands including their rehabilitation outside the State. The Govt, is not considering permanent rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants outside the State, but programme for providing basic needs to them in Jammu and at Delhi till the situation permits return to their homes have been undertaken on priority. Eligible migrant families have been given cash relief and dry ration. Arrangements for admission of school and college students, payment of pension, leave salary til] their temporary adjustment elsewhere, transfer of LIC premium and bank accounts, are in operation.

Government is making all possible efforts to bring back normalcy to J&K. Stringent measure- aire being taken to curb terrorism in the State.

Conversion of telephone exchanges into electronic automatic exchanges in Maharashtra

3351. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of exchanges in Maharashtra which are proposed to be covered into electronic automatic exchanges during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what new steps are contemplated to expand the communication net-work in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the specific period by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 300 numbers of exchanges in 1990-91 and about 250 numbers *in 1991-92* are proposed to be converted into electronic automatic in Maharashtra Circle.

(b) and (c) Telecommunications net-work in Maharashtra is planned to be expanded with:

(i) Installation of more and more electronic exchanges.

(ii) Automatisation of manual exchanges.

(iii) Opening of long distance public telephones with stable media for rural communications.

(iv) Opening of more numbers of urban public call offices.

(v) Providing STD at remaining district headquarters and extending to sub-divisional headquarters, tourist centres etc.

(vi) Providing phone to village panchayat.